Listing of the claims:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a push-to-talk communication

2   between a Push-to-Talk communication system (PoC) group comprising at least one

member of a first communication network operated by a first network operator, and a

4   PoC group comprising at least one member of a second communication network operated

by a second network operator, by using a PoC application server in each communication

6   network, the method comprising:

connecting the at least one member of the PoC-group of the first network with the

8   members of the PoC-group of the second network for push-to-talk communication; and

synchronizing the PoC application servers of the respective networks so that the

10   group members of both networks are known to both operators.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of operating push-to-talk

2 communication between a group of members of an existing push-to-talk communication

session within a first communication network operated by a first network operator, and a

4 group of at least one member of an additional communication network operated by a

second network operator, by using a Push-to-Talk over a communication system (PoC)

6 application server in each communication network, the method comprising:

connecting the additional group to the existing group of the session for push-to-

8 talk communication; and

synchronizing the PoC application server of the additional group to the

10 application server of the existing group of the session so that the group members of the

additional network are known to both operators and the group members of the existing

12 group are known to the first operator but not to the second operator.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein

2 the synchronization is carried out automatically by the PoC application servers.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the

2 synchronization is carried out automatically by the PoC application servers.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the

2 synchronization is carried out whenever a user requests update of all group members of

the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the

2 synchronization is carried out whenever a user requests update of all group members of

the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for operating push-to-talk

2 communication between push-to-talk groups of at least two communication networks

operated by different operators, the system comprising:

4   one common group management system for connecting at least one member of a

PoC-group of a first said network with members of a PoC-group of a second said network

6 for push-to-talk communication; and

      at least one push-to-talk communication application server for each of the first

8 and second networks, with the servers being synchronized so that the group members of

the first network are known to both operators and the group members of the second

10 network are known to at least the second operator.

16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 15, wherein the

2 communication networks are radio communication networks.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further

2 comprising:

      identifying the PoC application server of the additional group by an address

4 derived from a group address assigned to the additional group.